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Title: Need to bail out Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited (HOCL) at Ambalamugal in Kerala.

SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN (KOLLAM): A public sector undertaking of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers namely the Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited HOCL unit at Ambalamugal shut down operations due to the shortage of working capital. The State government is making a major push for the takeover of this PSU by the Kochi refinery of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL). The proposal is pending with Central Government. The non-plan fund proposal for Rs. 75 crore is also still lying in the Ministry. HOCL management is trying to arrange raw material from BPCL by having a 70-30 formula. HOCL has to give 70% of sales collection to BPCL and the balance 30% shall be used for other purposes. This is only a temporary relief. HOCL cannot meet the requirement of both the units with available 30%. Two months' salary of employees is also pending. Immediate intervention of the Government is required to save HOCL.

Hence I urge upon the Government to initiate immediate steps to bail out Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited.

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